

VILLAGE OF EAGLE
UNAPPROVED REGULAR BOARD MEETING MINUTES
November 14, 2013

The Village Board meeting was called to order by President Spurrell on November 14, 2013 at 7:13 p.m. Open meeting law requirements were confirmed as having been met. Roll Call: Trustees Neuburg, Schoessow, Scheff, Jones, Rice, and President Rich Spurrell. Katy Degenhardt was excused. Also present were Police Chief Ehlers, Fire Chief Heim, Town Supervisor Davis, Captain Steve Lesniewski and several residents.

The pledge was led by Trustee Scheff.

Review/Approval of Minutes – (Regular-October 10)

President Spurrell pointed out that he does not remember some of the statements under the perception/discussion being stated the way they were, and the vote regarding the compost site was 6-1 and he believes he voted against it. He asked that the minutes be tabled until it can be clarified with the tape. Trustee Neuburg pointed out a typo on page 6.

Motion: Moved by Spurrell, seconded by Trustee Neuburg, to table the Minutes of the October 10, 2013 meeting. The motion carried 6-0.

Consideration of Treasurer's Report including regular monthly accounts payable

Trustee Rice questioned items on the check register as being minus. Treasurer Sterzinger explained a printing error had occurred and the checks had to be reissued.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Neuburg, to approve the Treasurer's Report and Accounts Payable, as presented. The motion carried 6-0

Clerk's Report

No report at this time. Clerk O'Brien was not in attendance, excused.

Citizen Comments/Concerns

There were no citizen comments.

Announcements:

President Spurrell stated that hopefully the Board will approve the Winter Hayride and visit from Santa on December 13, 2013. Trustee Rice added that there will be singing of Christmas carols around the player piano at the Historical Society.

Fire Chief Heim had no report.

Police Chief Ehlers gave the monthly report of calls for service.

Plan Commission

Discussion/action request of Melissa Dooley for a site plan, business plan and plan of operation for Knuckleheads for the placement/installation of hitching posts

Planning Commission discussion resulted in recommendation of approval of hitching posts. Trustee Rice asked the location of the posts. Scott Dooley gave the explanation.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Neuburg and seconded by Scheff to approve the hitching posts at Knuckleheads. Rice asked about clean up. Dooley responded with how it will be accomplished with a shovel and separate garbage can. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion/action consideration of forming a Historical Residential Zoning

President Spurrell introduced John Van Zeeland who is in the process of remodeling a house on Main Street and due to the shape and size of the lot there are some issues as to what can be done. A recommendation was made by Building Inspector Budiac that there be a possible change of zoning for the area since many houses are on lots that are non-conforming. By making the area Historical/Residential, it would use the old square footage for lots and therefore make all the lots conforming. It would remain residential. Trustee Neuburg asked if it would affect the lot size. Spurrell said the lot sizes would remain the same, but it would simply be a "paper change". Trustee Rice questioned issues of parking and how another building would impact the parking. Discussion followed regarding the splitting of lots and the costs of rezoning.

Both Neuburg and Scheff stated that the Board should go ahead with looking at the possibility of rezoning. Rice agreed that there needs to be more investigation to get more information

Motion: Trustee Neuburg moved to proceed with the possible forming of a Historical/Residential Zoning. Trustee Scheff seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration/action of hiring a consultant for a grocery store project

President Spurrell explained that there is budgeted \$4,534 for land use. The projected cost is \$4,780. Discussion followed regarding if it's a good time to restart the project.

Motion: Trustee Rice moved to table the consideration of hiring a consultant for one (1) year. The motion was seconded by Trustee Schoessow. President Spurrell noted that by not hiring a consultant does not mean we cannot go forward. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration/action – adoption of Resolution 2013-04 for Budget Adoption and Tax Levy 2013-2014

President Spurrell read the Amended Resolution with the corrections being the tax levy amount will now read \$724,739. The tax base is \$154,267,377. And the mil rate (rate per thousand) is .004697938.

Motion: Trustee Rice moved to approve the Resolution as amended including the tax levy and mil rate. Trustee Neuburg seconded the motion. Motion carried unanimously.

Consideration/action – approval of the Village 2014 budget

Spurrell pointed out that the budget would have to include the changes made from the Public Hearing showing the tax levy as \$724,739, and the change in the mil rate as stated in Resolution 2013-04 which was just approved.

Motion: Trustee Rice moved to approve the budget as amended including the tax levy and mil rate as proposed. Schoessow seconded. Spurrell pointed out that the amount is approximately \$1,500 less than what was published in the paper. All voted in favor, motion carried 6-0 for the approved budget.

Consideration of Lincoln Financial Group partnering with ComPsych Corporation

President Spurrell explained that this is an employee connect program, which has no charge. It is just to inform that there is a new partner. No action is needed. There were no questions or discussion.

Consideration/action-Operator's license requests:

- a. Sandy Suhm, serving at Suhmer's Saloon
- b. Sara K Salmela, serving at Suhmer's Saloon

The Board reviewed the license applications which were approved by the Eagle Police Department.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Rice, seconded by Trustee Neuburg, to approve the Operator's license request of Sandy Suhm. The motion carried unanimously.

Motion: Moved by Trustee Rice and seconded by Trustee Jones to approve the Operator's license request of Sara K Salmela. The motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/action – annual Winter Hayride for a Canned Good on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. with a visit from Santa Claus

President Spurrell explained that the Eagle Business Association was looking for approval of the annual event, and spoke of the events of the evening and how it is a food drive and fund raiser for charitable organizations.

Motion: Trustee Rice moved to approve the annual Winter Hayride for a Canned Good and visit from Santa on Friday, December 13, 2013 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:00 p.m. Scheff seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Consideration/action- request for a donation from the Eagle Historical Society

The Eagle Historical Society annually requests a donation from the Village for the upkeep of the Historical building.

Motion: Rice made a motion to approve a donation of \$1,000 to the Eagle Historical Society which Scheff seconded. Motion carried 6-0

Consideration/action – request for a donation from the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band

Correspondence was read requesting a donation to the Community Band as the Village as done in years past.

Motion: Trustee Scheff moved to approve a donation to the Palmyra-Eagle Community Band for \$100. The second was made by Schoessow. Motion carried 6-0.

Discussion/action – regarding reviewing and updating the Village of Eagle's Capital Outlay and Extended Forecasting Plan

Personnel and Finance needs to review and modify the Capital Outlay and Extended Forecasting Plan due to the budget adjustments.

Motion: President Spurrell moved to table the review of the Capital Outlay and Extended Forecasting Plan until the Personnel and Finance Committee can consider the long term planning. Trustee Rice seconded the motion. Motion carried 6-0.

Code & Ordinance/Action Items:

No meeting was held in October due to a lack of a quorum. Next meeting is on November 18, 2013 at 6:30 p.m. and they will be discussing alcohol licensing.

Fire Commission

Fire Chief Heim reported that they have hired three (3) paid on call individuals. There was also discussion at the meeting regarding self evaluations of the Fire Department employees, similar to the Village personnel.

Nature Trail

Trustee Neuburg reported on the latest event of planting trees from the acorns from the World Trade Center trees. She invited all to see how the trail has improved. Next meeting will be on Tuesday, November 19, 2013 at 4:00 p.m.

Police & Licensing

There was no meeting due to the lack of a quorum.

Personnel and Finance

Committee has been meeting to review the applicants for the position of Clerk/Treasurer.

Discussion/action – regarding a policy concerning the Village of Eagle Board and staff contacts with personnel that require expenditure of money

The policy was read to the Board by the president. Personnel & Finance recommends approval of the policy.

Motion: Trustee Scheff moved to approve the Policy concerning the Village of Eagle Board and staff contacts with personnel that require expenditure of money. Trustee Schoessow seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

Discussion/action regarding borrowing money from Eagle Water Utility to accommodate cash flow issues

President Spurrell explained the issue of the budget being ok, but the cash on hand is the issue and with payroll and other expenses for next month, there is concern that bills and payroll could not be met before the tax payments start coming in. Use of a CD last year helped to offset last year's situation. Spurrell made a recommendation that money be borrowed from the Eagle Water Utility for a one month period to get us through until it can be paid back from tax collections. Discussion followed regarding how to avoid this in the future, and speaking with the auditors to see if the salaries from the Water Utility can be advanced rather than waiting until the end of the year.

Motion: Motion made by Trustee Scheff to approve the borrowing of \$50,000 up to \$100,000 from the Eagle Water Utility and paid back by December 31, 2013. Schoessow seconded the motion. Spurrell stated for the record he does not feel we will get anywhere near \$100,000, and the \$50,000 should be enough. Motion carried 6-0.

Public Works & Property

No meeting, but one will be scheduled for the middle of December. There was discussion of a charge of \$2,800.00 for tires for the truck. They are looking into having the tires put on in December, but not having the bill sent until January.

Recreation Committee

The only meeting held was to work on the budget. Meetings are held quarterly, so there was no other report.

Adjournment

Motion: Moved by Trustee Jones, seconded by Trustee Schoessow, to adjourn the meeting at 8:02 p.m. The motion carried unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Darlene Sterzinger, Treasurer/Deputy Clerk